





# Florida evolution . . .



## Can you navigate the difficulties of life?

- ❖ We need a great teacher
- ❖ We need a great Savior!
- ❖ ***Jesus is that one and only person who will accomplish both needs!***

New Series: The Sermon on the Mount,  
or, *Navigating Life*

- ❖ Learning the Christian 'walk'
- ❖ Growing in our faith
- ❖ Getting closer to Jesus

## New Memory Verse:


- ▶<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Navigation 101, Lesson 3: Law or  
Grace? TEXT: Matthew 5.17-20


## Matthew 5.17-20, NIV

- ▶ **17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.**



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- ▶ **19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**



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- ▶ <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

# What on earth is this all about?

- ▶ **Remember the beatitudes??**
- ▶ **“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- ▶ **How about ‘salt and light?’**
- ▶ **Where is Jesus going with this?**

## The key is 'righteousness'

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# Righteous gained how??

- ▶ By keeping the law; i.e.,
- ▶ The Pharisees
- ▶ But not good enough!!!
- ▶ Yet if there were no laws:
- ▶ Anarchy!

# Anarchy:

- ▶ **absence of government**
- ▶ **a state of lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority**
- ▶ **a utopian society of individuals who enjoy complete freedom without government**


# ***Jesus fulfilled all of the law.***


- ▶ **We cannot say that Jesus fulfilled the sacrificial system, but did not fulfill the other aspects of the law.**
- ▶ **Jesus either fulfilled all of the law, or none of it.**
- ▶ ***What Jesus' death means for the sacrificial system, it also means for the other aspects of the law.***



# Righteousness = right living

- ▶ Because I am made righteous by Jesus –
- ▶ Not by myself -
- ▶ *Because I have Jesus, and Jesus has me* –  
Alice Tupper
- ▶ Right living:
- ▶ A life that is pleasing to God
- ▶ Cares for others

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- ▶ A person who has come under the New Covenant is still a sinner by practice and by habit. But they carry a new nature, a new Spirit, given by God, which seeks God and his righteousness. The believer in Christ is “a new creation” and “has ceased from sin”—not that Christians don’t commit particular sins, but they are no longer *slaves* to sin. It is no longer their master.



▶ **Their master is God, who will bring them back from sin *every time, through the blood of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.***

▶ <http://unlockingthebible.org/2017/01/not-under-law-but-under-grace/>



## Then we are truly . .

- ▶ <sup>13</sup> “ the salt of the earth.
- ▶ <sup>14</sup> “ the light of the world.
- ▶ <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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